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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, the references listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 are submitted for consideration by the Examiner in the examination of the above-identified patent application.

The full consideration of the references in their entirety by the Examiner is respectfully requested and encouraged. Also, it is respectfully requested that the references be entered into the record of the present application and that the Examiner place his or her initials in the appropriate area on the enclosed Form PTO-1449, thereby indicating the Examiner's consideration of each of the references.

The submission of the references listed on the Form PTO-1449 is for the purpose of providing a complete record and is not a concession that the references listed thereon are prior art to the invention claimed in the patent application. The right is expressly reserved to establish an invention date earlier than the above-identified filing date in order to remove any reference submitted herewith as prior art, should it be deemed appropriate to do so.

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Further, the submission of the references is not to be taken as a concession that any reference represents art that is relevant or analogous to the claimed invention. Accordingly, the right to argue that any reference is not properly within the scope of prior art relevant to an examination of the claims in the above-identified application is also expressly reserved.

The Information Disclosure Statement is being filed:

- (a) within three months of the filing date of the patent application, (b) within three months of the date of entry into the national stage as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.491 of the international application, or (c) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.
- after (a), (b), or (c) above, but before the mailing date of a final action under 37 C.F.R. §1.113 or a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. §1.311, and includes:
  - the Certification under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) (see “Certification” below).
  - the fee of \$240 set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) (see “Fees” below).
- after the mailing date of a final action under 37 C.F.R. §1.113 or a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. §1.311, and includes the Certification Under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) (See “Certification” below), a Petition requesting consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement (see “Petition” below), and the Petition Fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) (see “Fees” below).

#### Copies of the References

- Attached to each reference not in the English language is a concise explanation of the relevant pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(3).
- A copy of the foreign search report is enclosed herewith.
- The references listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 were previously identified in the parent application(s) of the present application, and copies of the references were furnished at that time. Accordingly, additional copies of the references are not submitted herewith, so as not to burden the file with duplicate copies of references. The Examiner is respectfully requested to carefully review the references in accordance with the requirements set out in the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), the details of the parent application(s) relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120 in which copies of the references were previously furnished are set out below:

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### Other Applications

- The Examiner's attention is directed to the following U.S. patent application(s):

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- The **undersigned attorney** hereby certified that no item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign patent application or, to the knowledge of the attorney signing after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designed in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.

### Petition

- The undersigned attorney hereby petitions the Commissioner to consider this Information Disclosure Statement and the references listed on the enclosed For PTO-1449 in the examination of the above-identified patent application.

### Fees

- No fee** is owed by the applicant(s).
- The **IDS fee of \$180.00** under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is enclosed herewith.
- The **Petition Fee of \$130.00** set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) is enclosed herewith.

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